

EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS



A MAN'S CHRISTMAS

We cater only to "HIMS." Perhaps our suggestions will aid you to get him just what he needs and just what will please him.

Overcoats, Suits, Furnishings, Hats or Shoes for Men or Boys, all fairly and rightly priced.

We'll put aside anything you select and keep perfectly "mum" about it until Santa Claus time.

HUB CLOTHING HOUSE
MAIN AND BANK STREETS

FOR CHRISTMAS

FANCY TURKEYS
FANCY NATIVE FOWLS
FANCY NATIVE ROASTING CHICKENS
CHOICE GEESSE, DUCKS AND ROASTING PIGS
ALL THE FIXINGS

P. S.—Our Markets will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Evenings. Closed all day Christmas

BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC MARKET AND BRANCH

Public Market Building
State and Bank Sts. East Main St.

SPECIAL SALE

TRIMMED MILLINERY
A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT TO SELECT FROM AT SPECIAL PRICES

W. E. HALLIGAN
999 Broad St.

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Ranges AND Heating Stoves

AGENTS FOR CRAWFORD AND STEWART RANGES

Largest Assortment in the City to Select from

THE DAY LIGHT STORE

1057 TO 1073 BROAD STREET

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SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

FUR AND FUR LINED COATS
SHEEP LINED COATS
FUR AND FUR LINED GLOVES
AUTOMOBILE AND DRIVING GLOVES
FUR AND PLUSH ROBES (Automobile and Driving)
RUBBER AND OIL COATS
"RUBBERHIDE" BOOTS
HARNESS, BLANKETS, WHIPS, HORSE AND STABLE GOODS
TRUNKS, BAGS, DRESS SUIT CASES
AND STEAMER RUGS
SWEATERS

The Peck & Lines Co.
185-207 MIDDLE ST., BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Christmas Goods

W. Fray's Hardware Store

EAST END OF CENTER BRIDGE

A line of mechanical toys and Christmas goods are added to the already complete stock of housefurnishing hardware, which includes enameled ware, tinware, oil heaters, cutlery novelties and

MECHANICS' TOOLS

KEITH'S—T. Varsity Pharmacy

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AIRFIELD AVE. COR. PARK AVE. Phone 1447-2—Day or Night. R541

WASH DAY HORRORS

can easily be eliminated by sending the "weekly horror" of the housewife to us. Why don't you resolve that your wife shall be freed of the nerve-racking, tiresome drudgery every week and make her Christmas one to be remembered? Put a note in her stocking and say, "Hereafter every Monday send your wash to the CRAWFORD LAUNDRY CO., 435 FAIRFIELD AVENUE, and I will foot the bill."

YOU'LL NEVER REGRET IT

ADVERTISE IN THE FARMER

BARNUM AVE. LINES
CAN NOW BE EXTENDED
TO TOWN OF STRATFORD

Permission Granted Conn. Co., by Common Council—
Other Matters Before Aldermanic Body.

One of the most important of the hearings at the Common Council meeting last night was that concerning the adoption of an ordinance allowing the Connecticut Co. to extend its Barnum avenue line to Stratford. The permission requested was granted. There were several who appeared in favor of the petition.

These petitions were acted upon and referred to the proper committees: Willard I. Allen, for abatement of interest upon taxes on lots of 1900 to 1908; Anning Smith, for the abatement of interest and expenses upon tax liens on lots of 1903 to 1909; W. E. Miller, for a light on Wood avenue; George McCarthy and others, for a sewer well in Brooks street; Mary C. Wheeler, for the release of liens for an assessment of \$192.80 for curb and gutter in Fairfield avenue, and also another lien for \$223.25 upon a like assessment; J. M. Standish, for a light in Boston avenue; R. D. Johnson and others, for the macadamizing of Howard avenue from Fairfield avenue to North avenue; John Tague and others, for the sprinkling of Pembroke street from Cedar street to Hough avenue; T. B. Ford and others for an arc light at Noble and Livingston avenues; Carl Baronah, protesting against the erection of an undesirable building in Mountain Grove street between Fairfield and Maplewood avenues; Samuel Dawe and others, for the erection of a bridge between the western end of Arctic street and the eastern end of Grand street across the Pequonnock river.

A report was received from the city engineer asking for an appropriation of \$425 for the field work of the department which is not finished. The report was referred to the Ways and Means committee.

Other reports adopted were: From the Claims committee: Willard I. Allen, abatement upon taxes, lists of 1900 to 1908.

The Board of City Sheriff Russell for \$5,000, with Daniel E. Walker and Denis Mulvihill as sureties, was received and referred to the Finance committee.

A communication was received from the First Hungarian Liberty Association, inviting the Aldermen to be present at presentation of flags Saturday, Jan. 1.

CHILIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 21.—The cabinet formed on September 12, with Leonardo Torrealba as premier and minister of the interior, resigned yesterday.

CAR WORKS BURNED.

Newark, Ohio, Dec. 21.—The main mill and dry shop of the Jewett car works in this city were burned yesterday. Loss \$150,000.

NINE MEN HURT BY CAR.

Stuebenville, Ohio, Dec. 21.—By the sudden shifting of a car of steel rails here yesterday nine workmen were caught and seriously injured, several fatally.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A 12 pound baby boy was born to Mrs. Hector Stewart, of 228 Cottage street, Saturday night. Mr. Stewart is a foreman in the Warner Brother's factory.

THE PIETIEST FACE.

and the most beautiful hands are often disguised by an unsightly wart. It can easily be removed in a few days without pain by using Cystar Wart Remover, for sale only at The Cyrus Pharmacy, 253 Fairfield Avenue and 146 Cannon St.

-CLEANSE, THE BEST HAND SOAP.

Guaranteed not to injure the skin. Instantly removes Grease, Polish, Rust, Grease, Ink, Paint and Dirt. For hands and clothing. Cystar Wart Remover, for sale only at The Cyrus Pharmacy, 253 Fairfield Avenue and 146 Cannon St.

Sun rises to-morrow 7:13 a. m.
Sun sets to-day 4:28 p. m.
High water 5:42 a. m.
Low water 11:58 a. m.
Moon sets 12:58 a. m.

NEW RUBBER GOODS

Hot Water Bottles

We have a large variety of the best water bottles on the market. Good fresh goods and all guaranteed. 50c up.

Rubber Toys

Just the thing for the Baby.
Rubber Balls.....5c to \$3.00
Rubber Dolls.....10c to 50c
Toy Balloons.....5c
Parlor Footballs.....25c
Rattles.....10c, 25c

Rubber Boots

For Men, Women, Boys, Girls and Children. All new made first quality goods.

Rubber Clothing

Girls Capes.....\$2.25 to \$4.50
Boys Rubber Coats.....\$2.50 to \$3.00
Men's Rubber Coats.....\$3.00 to \$6.00
Rubber Hats.....75c
Rubber Gloves and Mittens.
Oiled Clothing.

Jaycox Rubber Co.

1042 MAIN ST.
HEAD CANNON ST.

Virginia Wardlaw

May Hold Key in Snad Mystery



The arrest in St. Catharines, Canada, of Fletcher Sneed, husband of Mrs. Okey Sneed, the young woman who was found dead in a bathtub in Orange, N. J., adds still more mystery to one of the most baffling crimes the police of this country have had to deal with in many years. It is believed that either Mrs. Sneed's mother, Mrs. Caroline E. Martin, Fletcher Sneed or Miss Virginia Wardlaw, the victim's aunt, holds the key to what the police declare was a murder to obtain life insurance. Sneed disappeared several months ago, and his young wife believed him dead. Her mother also disappeared, and neither came forward when the woman's death was reported. Both were captured by the police.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

WITH CHLOROFORM BY HER
Lucy Elson, a woman about 50 years of age was found dead in bed in her room at 79 Pearl street, New Haven, yesterday morning, with a bottle that had contained chloroform and a handkerchief that had been saturated in the poison lying by her side. The woman had been despondent and her death is thought possibly to have been a suicide.

DEAN JONES ISSUES

NOTICE OF NEW RULES

Notification of the method of putting the new rules at Yale college yesterday through the issuance of an official statement from the dean's office, stating that all previous cuts and marks will be cancelled so all students will start the new year on even terms. When a student has an excess of cuts or marks his parent or guardian will be notified and when the excess reaches two the student will be placed on probation.

Deaths and Funerals.

Wesley O. Banks, a veteran of the Civil War, who served in Co. E, 17th Conn. Infantry, after suffering a paralytic shock yesterday, at his home, 35 High street, died at an early hour last evening. He is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Etta Abbott of New Haven.

Margaret, widow of Patrick Carroll died, last evening, at her home, 166 Carroll avenue, after a brief illness. She was one of the oldest and most devout parishioners of St. Mary's church. Two sons, Frank and Joseph and a daughter, Margaret, survive.

Heavv Monaquaire sleeves are in vogue.

The Laborde-Gelman Co.

From Main To Middle Street.

Elegant Black Fur Sets on Sale
at One-third Off Regular Price.

A manufacturers' stock of about 100 choice Furs, in separate pieces and sets, all Skinner satin lined shawl collars and large pillow muffs, a splendid chance for gift seekers who enjoy getting a Bargain on such very acceptable rich Christmas Presents—we bought these at about one-third less than their actual value and sell them accordingly.

Black Hare Set, Shawl Collar large Pillow Muff with or without heads, value.

\$13.50, at \$9.85

Black Caracul Set, value \$6.00, at \$3.98

Black Fox Muffs worth \$13.50, at \$9.85

Black Fox Muffs worth \$17.50, at \$12.95

SILK PETTICOATS

made of fine quality Persian Taffeta on light or dark ground floral designs, value \$6.00, at
\$5.00

LADIES' NECKWEAR

About 50 dozen of latest styles valued to 25c, at
12c

HOLIDAY BOXES

Holly paper covered Handkerchief, Hosiery, Comb, Belt, Veiling and Jewelry Boxes at
4c

All Holiday Goods at Reduced Prices

Military Brushes, Brush and Comb Sets, Shaving Mirrors, Jewel Cases, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Traveling Sets, Cigar Jars, Albums, etc., all

at 25 Per Cent. From Marked Prices

We never carry goods over from one Christmas to another and the reason is found in the fact that through timely and radical price cutting we effect a total clearance of all Holiday goods before Christmas Day.

Store Open Evenings Until 10 O'clock

FIREMEN'S PAY INCREASE
ADOPTED BY ALDERMEN

VOTE IS 13 TO 11, GOULD AND WILDER CHANGING TO ADVERSE COLUMN.

ALDERMAN NEAR DRAWS WORD PICTURE OF TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE AND QUOTES EXAMPLES OF TAX DODGING.

ALDERMAN MCMURRAY DESCRIBES ATTITUDE OF LEE TOWARD INCREASE BEFORE AND AFTER HIS DEFEAT FOR MAYOR.

Former Mayor Lee's veto of the increase in the pay of the members of the fire department was overridden by the members of the Common Council last night by a vote of 13 to 11. The new ordinance was adopted notwithstanding the Mayor's veto and will be put in force on April 1.

Some vigorous speeches were made prior to the taking of the vote in which the manufacturers who are members of the "Taxpayers' League" were taken to task for alleged attempts to intimidate the Aldermen by presenting figures to show that Bridgeport would have the highest paid fire department of its size in the country. He claimed that they should also have shown the Aldermen that there are many smaller cities in the country paying even more than Bridgeport.

When the Aldermen took their seats last night it was believed that the vote in favor of the veto would be 13 to 9, but Aldermen Wilder and Gould who voted previously for the increase, changed their vote at the last moment. Aldermen Gould was the chairman of the Aldermanic committee which drafted the ordinance, unanimously agreed that the firemen should each receive \$200 more per year for all members ranking beneath the assistant chiefs. It was known that Aldermen Gould, Wilder, Bertilson, Fletcher, Mahoney, Near, Clappett, Finjan, Conlin, Brady, Lavery, J. P. O'Neil, Paddock, O'Connell, Meyer.

The eleven Aldermen who voted to sustain the veto were Cassidy, Primrose, Gould, Wilder, Bertilson, Fletcher, Bullard, Jackson, Stewart, Foyrer and Zink.

of the taxpayers and told his colleagues to bear in mind that they were the servants, not the masters of the people.

Alderman John N. Near of the Fourth district, said in part: "The matter of the firemen's raise in pay was duly brought here about six weeks ago, after it had been before the body for several months. Sixteen out of 24 Aldermen decided that the firemen were entitled to what they asked for. There was no halloo about the matter at all. There was scarcely anything said about the matter until the fall election in which the people swept out of office an administration it did not like. Then a small delegation of gentlemen met in a small room in a nearby club and decided to form a taxpayers' league. Next they held another meeting and got a few more to attend. Next they advertise that there will be a mass meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building at which everybody is to be given a square deal. Did everybody get a square deal? The hall was packed with men who went to look on and those who were interested. A gentleman who was an ignoramus in parliamentary law called the meeting to order. He said: 'We will read the constitution.' It was read and then the chairman before anyone moved the adoption of the constitution, asked if the motion was seconded and declared the constitution adopted before anyone had a chance to say anything. It was the most high handed piece of business I ever saw. A gentleman who is a taxpayer got up to address the chair and he was ruled out of order. Several others tried to get a chance to be heard, but they were told to sit down. Is that an honest way to proceed with the formation of an organization that is supposed to represent American ideas?"

At this point Alderman Bullard wanted to know if the speaker was discussing the question before the house. "I am discussing the question in order that I may obliterate the clouds from your eyes," replied Alderman Near. "I am talking because of the influences that have been brought to bear to change our opinions in this matter. That first meeting was not on the level. Lists of names which were sent to us as those of citizens opposed to this measure were the names of citizens who attended a mass meeting expecting that it was to be what it purported to be, but who left the meeting in disgust. Out of the 800 taxpayers in the city only about 800 were secured. And this was after the matter had been thoroughly advertised in the newspapers and names of women were included in the list. Things were not presented to us right. They gave us the names of 50 cities that paid less money to its firemen than Bridgeport. There were 50 others who paid more. Why didn't they give us all the evidence and let us act fairly as jurors in the case? "The rent payers were not considered in this matter, although one of the league members appearing at a recent hearing told us that it would be the rent payer who would eventually be made to bear the burden of the returning to Pekin."

"We don't want a taxpayers' league, but we want a public utility bill in order that we may regulate some of the big interests who are putting the burdens of taxation upon the small taxpayers. Who defeated the public utilities bill at the last session of the Legislature? It was the big taxpayers. They don't want to pay their share."

"These firemen work 24 hours a day, 317 days a year and they get 12 cents an hour. They should get fair and liberal pay for the time they put in. The argument has been made that they have only worked a few hours during the past year. What kind of an argument is that? They are there ready to work. I am at my office all day and I get paid for the time I am there, not for the time that I am taking orders from customers. Give us a public utilities bill. Give us some way to get at the fellow who is sneaking his taxes. I was standing in front of my place of business the other day and a friend of mine pointed out a man who was driving by in an automobile. He said: 'There goes a member of the Taxpayers' League. He paid \$3,500 for that car and he has got on the tax list for \$1,500.' Now I say if everyone put their property on the tax books at a fair value we would have no trouble paying wages whereby the firemen will have

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NEW CHINESE
MINISTER NOW
IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 18.—Chang Yin Tang, the new Chinese minister, has arrived here and taken a handsome residence in the fashionable Du Pont circle. His retinue will outshine that of any Chinese envoy to this country in years. The new Chinese legation building will be ready for occupancy on New Year's day. Mr. Tang met his predecessor, Wu Ting Fang, immediately on his arrival and the two discussed the Chinese situation at length. Dr. Wu will leave for Europe in a few days and will spend several months in the various capitals before returning to Pekin.